

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An attachment clip for attaching a first member to a second member having a bolt projecting therefrom, the first member having a bolt hole formed to allow passage of a shank of the bolt, the attachment clip comprising:

a clip body having an abutting part for abutment on the first member, the abutting part the clip body having a shank hole for passage of the shank of the bolt and an outer flange formed along an outer periphery of the clip body, wherein the abutting part is formed to have an abutting line extending along an outer edge of the outer flange, and the clip body is apart from the outer flange for a predetermined distance in a direction of the height of the attachment clip, thereby providing the clip body and the outer flange with a step-shaped section; and

a plurality of engagement claws formed around the shank hole so as to project from the inner periphery of the clip body to the shank hole inwardly in the radial direction and also inclined to the clip body so that respective engagement tips of the engagement claws depart from the clip body along an axial direction of the attachment chip, thereby providing the engagement claws as a whole with a substantial cone-shaped configuration,

wherein the engagement claws can engage with the shank of the bolt of the second member while urging the first member toward the second member along an axial direction of the bolt,

wherein the engagement claws include at least two specific claws adjoining in the circumferential direction of the shank hole,

wherein the engagement tips of the two specific claws are apart from each other at a predetermined distance in a direction of the height of the attachment clip, and

wherein the predetermined distance is equal to one or more pitches of threads formed on the shank of the bolt.

2. (Original) The attachment clip of claim 1, wherein the number of the engagement claws is at least three.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The attachment clip of claim 1, wherein the clip body is provided with at least one pair of vertical knobs opposing each other on both sides of the shank hole.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The attachment clip of claim 1, wherein the first member comprises a heat shielding plate and the second member comprises an under panel of a vehicle.

7. (Currently amended) An attachment structure comprising:

a first member having a first bolt hole formed to allow passage of the shank of the bolt;

a second member integrally formed with a bolt having a root and a shank extending from the root; and

an attachment clip which is engageable with the bolt to attach the first member to the second member, the attachment clip including a clip body having an abutting part for abutment on the first member, ~~the abutting part having a shank hole allowing passage of the shank of the bolt, and an outer flange formed along an outer periphery of the clip body, wherein the abutting part is formed to have an abutting line extending along an outer edge of the outer flange, the clip body is apart from the outer flange for a predetermined distance in a direction of the height of the attachment clip,~~ thereby providing the clip body and the outer flange with a step-shaped section and a plurality of engagement claws formed around the shank hole so as to project from the inner periphery of the clip body inwardly in the radial direction of the shank hole, the engagement claws inclined to the clip

body so that respective engagement tips of the engagement claws depart from the clip body along an axial direction of the attachment clip, thereby providing the engagement claws as a whole with a substantial cone-shaped configuration,

wherein the engagement claws are engaged with the shank of the bolt while interposing the first member between the clip body and the second member and also urging the first member toward the second member along an axial direction of the bolt,

wherein the engagement claws include at least two specific claws adjoining in the circumferential direction of the shank hole,

wherein the engagement tips of the two specific claws are apart from each other at a predetermined distance in a direction of the height of the attachment clip, and

wherein the predetermined distance is equal to one or more pitches of threads ~~from formed~~
on the shank of the bolt.